

No. R. 4444—Agri. 101-11-2, dated 23rd February 1912.

The following Resolution of the Government of India, No. 866-886-10, dated the 29th January 1912, regarding the Universal and International Exhibition to be held in Ghent in the year 1913, is published for general information.

By Order,

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,  
Officiating Secretary to Government,  
General and Revenue Departments.

No. 866—886—10.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

### COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION.

#### RESOLUTION.

*Calcutta, the 29th January 1912.*

THE following Notification of the Universal and International Exhibition to be held at Ghent in the year 1913, is published for general information.

*Ghent Universal and International Exhibition organised for 1913, under the High Patronage of His Majesty the King of the Belgians.*

#### APPEAL TO EXHIBITORS.

*Ghent, 1st October 1911.*

A Universal and International Exhibition will be opened in Ghent, in April 1913 and closed at the end of October of the same year.

After Brussels, Antwerp and Liege, the old Capital of Flanders in her turn, means to assert her commercial and manufacturing importance by inviting the wide world's manufacturers to her intended Exhibition.

The Exhibitions of 1885 and 1894 in Antwerp, 1897 and 1910 in Brussels, 1905 in Liege all proved to be great successes; Ghent no doubt will prove to be equal to these.

A general classification will show the following groups:—

- I—Fine Arts.
- II—Education.
- III—Instruments and general methods connected with Letters, Sciences and Arts.
- IV—Plant and general methods connected with Machinery.
- V—Electricity.
- VI—Civil Engineering. Means of Transport.
- VII—Agriculture.
- VIII—Horticulture and Arboriculture.
- IX—Forests. Shooting. Hunting. Fruit gathering.
- X—Articles of Food.
- XI—Mines. Metallurgy.
- XII—Decoration and furnishing of Public Buildings and Private Houses.
- XIII—Yarns, Woven Fabrics, Wearing Apparel.
- XIV—Chemical Industry.
- XV—Miscellaneous Industries.
- XVI—Social Economy.
- XVII—Public Health. Charitable Institutions.
- XVIII—Practical Education. Economic Institutions. Female Handicraft.
- XIX—Trade. Colonisation.
- XX—Land and Sea Forces.
- XXI—Sports.
- XXII—Congresses and Conferences.

Grounds of about 250 acres located in the modern part of the city, are set out for the Ghent World's Fair. The **Beautiful Park** known as the "Citadel" will be incorporated in the Exhibition grounds, the access of which will be rendered easy to visitors by the proximity of Ghent St.-Peter's station on the international line Brussels-Ostend.



Of all Belgian cities, Ghent is one of the most interesting ones from an *artistic* and *archæological* point of view. Her "Chateau des Comtes," Belfry, and City-Hall, her opulent churches, the Halls of ancient Corporations, the Ruins of St-Bavon's Abbey, her Beguinages and Museums attract every year a crowd of tourists and visitors.

By the side of the city of the past a modern city has risen as a first class manufacturing and commercial centre. The importance of her textile industry has won for her the name of "Belgian Manchester."

Her machine building enjoys a European renown. She is, too, the *city of flowers* or garden-city and her quinquennial Flower-shows are famous in the horticultural world. Her beautiful harbour which communicates with the sea by one of the widest canals existing (the Terneuzen Canal) has an ever-increasing traffic.

All these and many other reasons will secure the enthusiastic co-operation of manufacturers both of the old and new world to the 1913 Exhibition.

Halls covering over 25 acres will be built for home and foreign industry. *Textiles* and *metallurgy* will be particularly represented. An Exhibition of *ancient Arts*, *Fine-Arts*, *Liberal-Arts* will attest the ever-increasing influence of Art and its applications on the people's existence.

A vast Palace of *Horticulture* and *Fêtes*, built of lasting materials will stand in the middle of the Park incorporated in the Exhibition Grounds. It will be used for the Flower-show of the "Société Royale d'Agriculture et de Botanique" and other flower-shows that will constitute one of the main attractions of the Exhibition. There, also, will take place the numerous festivities contemplated for the year 1913.

In these manifestations of the economic activity of the Belgians, *Agriculture* will find a place worthy of its importance.

For the first time, too, Belgium will be revealed to the world as a *colonial Power*. A Congo Palace will show the strenuous effort made by the Belgians in their great African empire.

Large areas shall be kept for *participation* of *foreign countries* which even now promise to be both brilliant and numerous.

*Permanent* and *temporary competitions*, *congresses* and *conferences* and *artistic festivities* will complete the programme of the intended Exhibition. All kind of attractions will add to the life and picturesqueness of the Ghent World's Fair.

Special measures have been adopted as regards *danger of a conflagration*. To this end and notwithstanding the heavy expenses incurred by such decision the committee did not hesitate in deciding on the system of *isolated pavilions* and they have contracted with specialists for the establishment of the latest apparatus to prevent and oppose the kindling and extension of fire.

The Exhibition grounds will be connected to the State Railway lines.

Under patronage of the Executive Committee, a *Commercial Bureau* will be created and located in the Exhibition buildings.

In this Commercial Bureau will be centralized all particulars concerning industries represented, in this way powerfully aiding to the development of commercial or business connections among the countries participating in the Ghent Exhibition.

National commodities will travel both ways free of charge on the State Railway lines, foreign goods forwarded to the Exhibition will enjoy a *temporary exemption* of duty on condition they are re-exported.

General rules, the classification of goods and conditions of admission have been decreed.

The principle of division into national compartments, *i.e.*, the grouping of products of a same country, together with a system of general classification, has been adopted.

The charges made for plots will include all charges for general decoration and management so that exhibitors will be enabled to calculate as nearly as possible what their participation is to cost them.

A *lottery*, the prizes of which are to be bought from the exhibits will be organized under special supervision of Government.

Prizes and medals will be awarded by an *international Jury* appointed by the Government.

The Government has appointed a *Commissioner General* to act on their behalf in connection with the Executive Committee and Foreign Powers.

The Exhibition is placed under special patronage of His Majesty the King of Belgium. It is officially acknowledged by Government and Municipal authorities.



The Executive Committee warmly appeals to foreign Nations and to Belgian Exhibitors. The Ghent Exhibition must be an eloquent testimonial of the incessant progress realized by human genius.

Manufacturers and business men of the whole world—we have no doubt—will participate in large numbers to the success of the Ghent World's Fair. No concern whatever contributes like an Universal and International Exhibition to the beneficial development of exchanges and business connections among the several Nations of the world.

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General Secretary to the Commissioner-General of the Government.

JEAN DE HEMPTINNE,

Commissioner-General of the Government.

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sioner of Coorg.

ORDERED that the foregoing papers be published in the Supplement to the *Gazette of India* for general information and that copies be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations named in the margin\* for information.

Ordered, also, that a copy be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Ajmer-Merwara and the Honourable the Agent to the Governor-General and Chief Commissioner, North-West Frontier Province, and to the Foreign Department, for information.

Ordered also that a copy be forwarded to all Chambers of Commerce, for information.

R. E. ENTHOVEN,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.